

## **Bill of Rights "Cheat Sheet"**

You do not need to know the Bill of Rights (Amendments 1-10) word for word, but you should know which rights are in which amendment. Below is a list of those rights. You should also be able to match a situation with a right being exercised or abused and know in which amendment that right can be found.

### Amendment 1

No laws can be made putting a religion at an advantage or disadvantage compared to other religions  
Freedom of speech (including symbolic speech) and of the press  
Right to gather with others peacefully  
Right to bring concerns to the government

### Amendment 2

Right to bear arms  
(Very controversial due to interpretations and politics)

### Amendment 3

Soldiers cannot force their presence into your property during peace  
(They can do so during a time of war if Congress makes a law supporting it)

### Amendment 4

No unreasonable search and seizures.  
Warrants shall be issued only for probable cause  
Warrants must be specific about what can be searched

### Amendment 5

Grand juries for federal cases (military cases are an exception)  
No double jeopardy (being tried for the same charge after a first trial is completed with a verdict)  
You do not have to testify in court against yourself, and doing so cannot be used against you  
Private property can be taken for public use only if the owner is compensated.

### Amendment 6

Speedy and public trial  
Jury of your peers (from your geographic area)  
Informed of the charges against you  
Right to confront your accusers (witnesses against you)  
Right to have witnesses who will testify in your favor  
Right to be represented by an attorney

### Amendment 7

Right to trial by jury in civil (non-criminal) cases at the federal level

### Amendment 8

Bail cannot be set at an unreasonably high amount  
Fines cannot be set at an unreasonably high amount  
No cruel or unusual punishments

### Amendment 9

Even though the Constitution enumerates (specifically spells out) some rights the people still have other rights.  
The enumerated rights cannot be used to say that people have no other rights.

### Amendment 10

Powers (rights) not reserved for the federal government are reserved for the states or the people.

**For each, consider what Amendment is involved and rather or not the action is legal...**

Maria and Edward have a rifle in their home that they use incase they need to defend their property.

Josephine was put on trial in secret because there was concern about public opinion and possible riots.

You refuse to allow a police officer to give you a Breathalyzer Test after they pull you over for driving 20 mph on an empty street where the speed limit is 50mph.

The Federal government tells Florida to shut down all toll roads because no such right is enumerated.

Sachiko was arrested for possession of a small amount of marijuana. Bail was set at \$250,000.

A witness is forced to testify at a trial on behalf of the defense even though testifying was against their will.

The police confiscate your cell phone and search your text messages without cause. They say they can do this because the Constitution does not give you the right to privacy.

Protesters unhappy with election results are protesting peacefully in a city park.

A man is sentenced to have his arm amputated after being caught committing a theft for the third time.

Missouri rearranges the order that math subjects are taught in their public schools.

After being arrested, Carl is questioned by the police. They stop the questioning when Carl asks to see a lawyer.

During a trial, a defendant exercises his right not to answer questions that might make her look bad. The jury finds her guilty because of her refusal to answer those questions.

You go to an NRA (National Rifle Association) rally and wear a t-shirt that states your opinion that gun ownership should be severely limited. Others at the rally are not pleased.

Amelia petitions the government to reconsider a deal to trade arms with another country by posting a video of herself burning a flag on YouTube.

Nicholas petition the government to reconsider a law to raise income taxes by throwing eggs at the U.S. capitol building and at Congresspersons as they walk by.

You are found not guilty in a trial. Later a video emerges which proves your guilt. You are charged with the crime a second time because new evidence had been discovered.

The government takes land away from your grandfather's farm and pays compensation. They want to make way for an oil pipeline.

You meet a soldier who has just gotten back from overseas at the airport. He tells you that he missed his connecting flight and orders you to allow him to stay over night at your home.

At a place of worship a religious leader is telling the congregation that followers of other religions are wrong and will have no peace when they die.

A poor defendant is put on trial for drunk driving, and the jury is made mostly of middle-upper class citizens from the next county.

After searching your car during a routine traffic stop for speeding, an officer finds a hunting rifle in your trunk. Concerned, they take you to the police station for questioning.

